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The NC 65 was late in starting from Honolulu Monday and did not arrive here until after 10 PM that night. There was a large crowd on hand to meet it and our overnight guests as well as the landing passengers.

Mr. Beardlee, our regional administrator, headed the list of VIP's. The main office had quite a delegation laying over here on an inspection of the construction progress. They are not going to be listed in order of seniority or importance as that would require a little research and the little mynah bird isn't around to help out.

Glen H. Neitzert, who was the acting Station Manager, (when the editor returned to Palmyra last year after an absence of five years) and later resident engineer in charge of the construction, John Ireton and David Lyman, regular commuters between Honolulu and Palmyra, Paul Porter, Bruce H. Hart, John B. Hogan and Cliff Morris. All of the above except Mr. Beardlee, who went on the round trip to Canton, remained here until the NC 65 returned.

David M. Rosa, joined Higa's crew installing the new radio equipment. John S. (Available) Jones, returned the permanent maintenance crew. Jerome W. Bloomer returned with his wife Leona F. Bloomer. (The little mynah bird tells me that she is a professional hair dresser. "Don't rush her, ladies, give her a chance to get settled first!") If she decides to open a shop, she will make a lot of women happy.

The happiest passengers on the plane were the Eldredge children, Audrey, Peddora and Russell Jr., who with their mother, Mrs. Ruth Eldredge, were joining their daddy on Palmyra. Father John Stankard, a Catholic Priest was also a passenger on NC 65 and held Mass here Tuesday morning and made the trip to Canton Island where he also held services.

The only other passengers were Ann M. Dale and Eleanor M. Amerling, who were returning to Canton Island.

S.A.A. Station Manager, Wally Backus and his wife, were the most important of the Canton Island passengers on the return trip. There were a number of other passengers whose names we did not get due to refueling and the loading of baggage.

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When the NC 65, departed for Honolulu Wednesday evening it carried out the pole and line crew, which Morgan Holmes brought down with him several months ago. The survey crew finished their job ahead of schedule and joined Morgan in the plane. Alike, of the construction crew went up for medical attention. All of the men from the main office, who were listed in column one, also departed. Harold Suehiro, P&S maintenance returned to Honolulu, having completed his year on Palmyra. Adam Young and P.Y. Chong also on George Avery's maintenance crew, went up for Christmas with their families.

Mrs. Betsy Watson and her daughter Pauline had their names added to the passenger list at the last moment. They expect to return early in January.

Mrs. Kimberling made the trip to Canton Island and return, on the NC 65. Charley Snyder, also went down for the rest of his household effects.

The regular navy flight to Samoa came in Tuesday morning with a big load of passengers for Samoa. There was only about 65 pounds of mail for here, due possibly to the big load of navy cargo for across the equator.

Word reaches the editor that the next boat will leave Honolulu for Palmyra on the 24th of this month. This will be a special trip and will bring considerable cargo.

The Mail Bag.

A Christmas card from Mibs and Vernon Coerles, who were in New York City. Their new station will be in Alaska. A letter from Roman Stoelb, on Guam he sends his regards to every one, also a Christmas card from his wife, Isobel and she also sends best wishes. A Card from Janet and Bill Dirks, in Hilo. (Janet I'm going to report you to the Hilo PUBLICITY BUREAU, Ha. Ha. Manna, is bigger than Diamond Head and also should be covered with snow by this time.) Imagine, Janet using a Christmas Card with Diamond Head and a coconut tree, when she has a snow capped mountain a few miles away.

Cliff Morris, brought word from Miss. Fee that the books of the Palmyra Pacific Aeronauts are being audited and will be sent down to Mr. Steve Barnes in the very near future.

Howard Jones

A special navy flight to Samoa stopped here for refueling at 2:30 AM Friday morning. There were no passengers as the plane was loaded to capacity with Christmas cargo.

The plane will return thru here this evening on the return trip to Honolulu.

Christmas is only seven days away and if you need a few more Christmas cards, there are still a few boxes of 20 cards at \$1.00 per box and a few individual cards from 5¢ to 35¢ and a small assortment of Christmas seals. If you can use any of these, see the editor as they are part of the Co-op stock which we would like to dispose of before the first of the year.

There is still stock of shaving soaps, Gillette razor blades, Kresal hair tonic, a few packages of Shick injector blades, Nivea cream, handkerchiefs, work shoe laces, ear ring backs and etc.

There will be free movies in the recreation hall tonight. The time is 7:30 PM. The pictures are 8 mm silent AND ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN. So come and have a good time. See Hawaii, Charley Chaplain, Donald Duck and the feature, A MIDNIGHT FANTASY.

There will be a special Christmas movie for the children, possibly early Wednesday evening. If it is not raining it may be held out-of-doors.

The little mynah bird came in with several stories about a certain lady expecting. MAY? Heck, the children are also expecting. I'm not expecting, but I am HOPING that the navy plane brings a big load of our Christmas mail next Tuesday morning. Then the children and the lady will have to wait a few days longer before their dreams come true.

Harry Dunn and Ed Watson are happy, because those big bamboo poles, we wrote about several weeks ago finally came in. Now the fish had better watch out, because Harry and Ed are determined that no more shall escape.

Howard Mooney had a little bad luck Tuesday evening when he was answering the fire alarm. He turned his ankle as he was coming out of the hotel to be picked up by the fire truck as it passed. It was all he could do to get to the corner, but he made it in time to climb aboard. Now he is walking on crutches for a while.

The fire turned out to be in one of the stacks at the powerhouse and in the dark, it looked bad but no damage was done.

We have a magician on the island who can measure. WHAT AIN'T. Wonder, what he was standing on when he was doing the measuring?

The rains we had last week helped out a lot but the lack of water or rather the lack of rain this week isn't helping. Water still has to be conserved and should not be wasted even when the tanks are full, because there are always several dry spells during the year.

A note to Joe, Frank and Jannie and the Cal family, out on Wake. You can start singing, The Old Gang Of Mine. If he doesn't change his mind and if the reports are true; Freddie Sherman, will be heading your way, when he leaves here, next year.

We are sorry to announce that the Poinsettia have not started to turn red this year, so we are unable to use them for the decorations. The best available substitute is the red leaves of the Kama tree. These trees are found on most of the islands, alongside of the road.

The Bureau of Standards housing is still in progress so the Barnes family and the Christians will have to spend Christmas on Munge.

The rest of this space is dedicated to the people, who did not fill out the requests for additional copies of the Christmas issue of the Palmyra Circle.